

HISTORY

NH has long been regional outlier

From slavery to female political leaders, state is a regional black sheep – for better or worse

By LILA DE ALMEIDA
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New Hampshire stood out earlier this summer as the only New England state to send a display to Washington D.C. for the Great American State Fair, the product of Trump-backed public-private partnership Freedom 250.

It was far from the only occasion where the Granite State behaved like a regional black

sheep.

Long before the first-in-the-nation primary, New Hampshire was first in the nation to lower Britain's flag in 1774. During a raid of provincial gunpowder at Fort William and Mary, New Hampshire rebels cheered as they pulled the British flag from its place overlooking Portsmouth Harbor — months before the Revolutionary War's actual start.

In 1776, the colony adopted a constitution,

making it the first American colony with an independent government. Other colonies followed soon after.

Even well after the Revolutionary War was won, New Hampshire continued to set precedents. The town of Peterborough established the English-speaking world's first public library in 1883, free to all community members and sup-

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HEALTHCARE

Cuts to hours restored for now

State stepped in to protect families with medically vulnerable children

By RACHEL WACHMAN
Concord Monitor

Facing mounting pressure, New Hampshire's three Medicaid Managed Care Organizations backed away from cuts they made to the care hours for medically complex children.

A coalition of affected parents banded together to form NH Families for Home Nursing after they received word from their Managed Care Organizations that their paid nursing hours had been reduced — or, in some cases, altogether eliminated.

They have been advocating for a restoration of the hours they argued are “life-sustaining” for their children.

“It is completely unacceptable that managed care organizations reduced critical nursing services for some of New Hampshire's most vulnerable children,” Governor Kelly

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Neo-Nazi leader agrees to settlement

His group engaged in unlawful discrimination in 2023

By SRUTHI GOPALAKRISHNAN
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The leader of a New England neo-Nazi group has agreed to admit he violated New Hampshire's civil rights law three years after leading a demonstration outside a Concord café hosting a children's drag story hour, according to the attorney general's office.

On Father's Day in June 2023, nearly two dozen members of the white supremacist group Nationalist Social Club-131 (NSC-131), stood outside the Teatotaler Café and Bakery and chanted homophobic slurs, banged on the windows and performed Nazi salutes. The café has since been renamed Totally Tea + Coffee.

During the demonstration, several participants wore masks and

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Construction and site workers at Beaver Meadow Golf Course work around each other as progress is being made on the project on Wednesday.

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BEAVER MEADOW: Exterior of new building nearly complete with paving set for the next few weeks and the project due to wrap up by winter or spring

Clubhouse taking shape

By CATHERINE MCLAUGHLIN
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With the walls and roof standing, details are filling in at the new Beaver Meadow Golf Course Clubhouse.

Plumbing, electrical, and security work is complete, according to an update from the city manager's office, and drywall crews have started work inside. Outside, the siding is almost finished and the “wood beam accents have been added to the gable ends.”

The project timeline is for the new \$6 million building to be completed in the coming winter or spring, followed by demolition of the old clubhouse. Everything would be wrapped up by next summer.

Outside in the parking lot, the

The construction of the new clubhouse at Beaver Meadow Golf Course is making progress on Wednesday

final grading and first layers of pavement will happen in the next few weeks.

While city leaders have been effusive that new taxes aren't paying for this construction, the clubhouse is being paid for by both golfers and taxpayers.

The first annual payment on the project is \$494,000, which will decline a small amount each year until it's paid off.

Golf course revenue is paying for about half, while the rest is being covered by the city's recreation reserve, largely left-

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Rally spared by storms

Annual hot air balloon festival looking at clear skies after heavy rains earlier this week

By DAVID BROOKS
Concord Monitor

The annual Hot Air Balloon Rally

in Pittsfield looks to have dodged this week's heavy rains and wind, perhaps the result of accumulated wisdom after having been around for 44 years.

Scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. Saturday, the event should feature more than a dozen hot air balloon pilots and

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